

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 have been rejected. Claims 1, 10, 12 and 13 are herein amended. Claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2-7 and 10-16 remain for prosecution. No new matter has been added.

The rejections and objections of the Examiner shall be taken up in the order presented in the Office Action.

2. Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of Schrenk et al. (U.S. Patent 4,937,134). It is submitted that in view of the amendment to claim 1, the rejections have been obviated.

3. Claims 9-16 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 9. Claim 9 has been cancelled and claim 13 has been rewritten into independent claim format, the limitations of claim 1 being incorporated therein. Claim 8 has been deleted to remove a redundancy within the claims and the dependencies of claims 10 and 12 have been amended.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited.

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